



March Meeting Invitation
6:30 p.m., March 16
The Hannaford Suites – Breakfast Room

AGENDA OVERVIEW

6:30 p.m.	Social Hour	Refreshments – Kay Kaple & Diane Roach
7:00 p.m.	Speaker & Topic	David Koester, Campbell County Extension Service Agent for Horticulture “Shade –vs.- Sun, What do I Plant?”
7:30 p.m.	Business Meeting & “Sage Advice”	

2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monthly Meetings	March 16 April 20 May 18 June 15 July 20 August 17 September 21 October 19 November 16	The Hannaford Suites
Home & Garden Show	March 6-14	Downtown
Cincinnati Flower Show	April 21-25	Coney Island
8 th Annual Garden Walk	June 26 & 27	Newport
Christmas Party	TBA	TBA

WANTED

- Designers for the East Row Garden Club’s Window Box for the Cincinnati Flower Show
- Speaker Suggestions

OFFICERS

PresidentRene McPhedran (859) 291-2565
Vice PresidentElaine Pearl (859) 292-0978
Secretary/Treasurer.....Monica Gardner (859) 581-6484

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2004

Welcome & Thanks: John Brewer, Jane & Kevin Murphy and Gerri Jones were thanked for providing the evening's refreshments. Jeff Ballard, John & Julie Morrow and Diane Rigger were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

Speaker: Doug Roell, IDEN T Coordinator from the City of Newport was introduced and presented an overview of the city's "Tree Inventory Plan." Newport has received a matching grant to conduct a tree inventory survey, which should be concluded by mid summer. The idea is to create an over-all "Tree Planting" Plan for the city.

Minutes & Treasurer's Report: The January meeting minutes were approved. Monica Gardner reported \$9,560 in the account. Please pay your annual dues of \$25.

Old Business:

Discussion & Vote on By Laws & Update on 501c3: After discussion, the club voted unanimously to approve the new by laws. Ms. Gardner will work with the attorney to complete the final paperwork for filing for 501c3 status.

2004 Garden Selection Update: The club provided suggestions for additional gardens for the tour. The idea of showcasing the 3rd & Park garden was discussed. Rebecca Walker has volunteered her garden as a relaxation area and will allow a Porta-Potty on the parking to pad. This will address the number suggestion for improvement from 2003. There will not be a Tea this year. The club will offer Newport Business the opportunity to advertise in the Tour Ticket/Program with a paid sponsorship. The idea will be to provide one insert with all listed instead of multiply pieces.

Suggestions for Speakers: Suggestions for March, Summer and Fall speakers were discussed. Ms. McPhedran will follow up. The trip to the Civic Garden Center is canceled, as they no longer open in the evenings or on weekends due to cutbacks.

Other Updates: Paula Williams is working on the Club's website, to be hosted by the City. Gerri Jones is investigating options for the traffic island at the I471 exit ramp with the State Transportation Department. The current idea is to use a specimen tree, a piece of iron fencing and some low-maintenance plantings. The club decided not to participate in the "Children's Potting Program" sponsored by the Cincinnati Flower Show. They will recommend this to the Newport Ambassador's Program. Please provide updated email address to Ms. McPhedran.

New Business:

Membership Drive: March is membership drive time. Members are encouraged to bring a guest or new member to the meeting. Members bringing a guest will be eligible for a prize drawing.

JayTV Garden Show: Mary Beth Crocker is doing a project for JayTV Garden Show. They are looking for gardens to "make-over." The details were email to the Club. If you are interested in participating, contact Ms. Crocker directly.

Cincinnati Flower Show: Volunteers are needed to design the Club's entry into the Window Box Display.

"Sage Advise": The Club shared tips on gardening problems and solutions.

Miscellaneous: Pat Budd announced a progression dinner for the East Row Historic Society in March. Ms. McPhedran will forward all of the details via email.

FYI

Bring a friend to the March Meeting and become eligible for a "**March Madness Membership Drive**" Prize!